

Joint Meeting of the
IOWA MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION
and the
IOWA MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL
October 17, 2019, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Polk County River Place, Room 2
2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, Iowa
MEETING MINUTES

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Bouska
Thomas Broeker
Dennis Bush (phone)
Teresa Daubitz
Jody Eaton
Kathryn Johnson

Geoffrey Lauer
John Parmeter
Maria Sorensen
Cory Turner
Richard Whitaker (phone)
Lorrie Young (phone)

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shari O'Bannon
Russell Wood
Senator Jeff Edler

Senator Pam Jochum
Representative Joel Fry
Representative Scott Ourth

MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Teresa Bomhoff
Kenneth Briggs Jr.
Jim Cornick
George Estle (phone)
Heather Wellman (phone)
Todd Lange (phone)
LeAnn Moskowitz (phone)
Nathan Nash

Donna Richard-Langer
Brad Richardson (phone)
Dennis Sharp (phone)
Rosie Thierer
Heather Thomas
Michele Tilotta
Kimberly Wilson (phone)
Brook Whitney

MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anna Killpack
Brenda Lechner
Carole Police
Earl Kelly
Gary Keller
Jim Rixner
Jim Donoghue
Jennifer Robbins

Kathleen Goines
Lee Ann Russo
Michael Straight
Melissa Schwery
Michael Kaufmann
Julie Kalambokidis
Senator Zach Wahls

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Theresa Armstrong
Kris Bell

MHDS, Bureau Chief Community Services & Planning
Legislative Services Agency

Emily Berry	Office of Consumer Affairs
Jess Benson	Legislative Services Agency
John Hedgecoth	Amerigroup
Linda Kellen	Department of Inspection and Appeals
Jeff Kerber	Iowa Department of Public Health
Julie Maas	MHDS, Community Services & Planning
Adrienne Seusy	Legislative Services Agency
Rik Shannon	DD Council
Flora Schmidt	Iowa Behavioral Health Association
Kelsey Thien	House Democrat Staff

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

MHDS Commission Chair John Parmeter and Mental Health Planning Council Chair Teresa Bomhoff called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and led introductions.

MHDS Update

Theresa Armstrong said that Director Kelly Garcia starts November 1st and Rick has been putting information together so that she is familiar with Iowa's system. Theresa said that MHDS has put in a request for Director Garcia to come to both a Commission and MHPC meeting. Theresa said the next Children's Board meeting is November 5th and Director Garcia will attend. The children's system administrative rules were approved for notice by the MHDS Commission and a note will be sent out when they are in the administrative bulletin and that's when public comment will begin.

Theresa said that the Directors of IDPH and DHS were instructed to put together a five year plan related to co-occurring services and Director Clabaugh held a focus group to incorporate stakeholder input.

Theresa said that MHDS has been working closely with other departments of DHS on family first legislation and programs for children with complex needs. Theresa said the department is looking at how RBSCCL can be expanded and what gaps and barriers are preventing the expansion of the program.

There was discussion on mental health services in schools and the use of evidence based practices with the implementation of family first.

Presentation on Zero Suicide Grant

Pat McGovern from IDPH introduced himself and thanked the group for the invitation to present on the Zero Suicide Grant. Pat presented a power point on the grant.

There was discussion on how peer supports would be incorporated into the grant and how it could be expanded to providers outside the IPN provider network.

Discussion of Legislative Recommendations for 2019

Teresa Bomhoff presented the Council's legislative priorities document. The main legislative priorities include funding for the mental health system, Medicaid, workforce, and building a children's system.

John Parmeter said the Commission is still finalizing their priorities but they focus on four main areas including workforce, Medicaid reimbursement rates, a data system, and the children's system.

Public Comment

Heather Thomas asked if anyone else has been struggling with individuals being denied their medications by Iowa Total Care. Kathy Johnson said they have had the same issues and ITC said they have a glitch in their system and are working on it. Theresa Armstrong said she would follow up with the group after she gets more information from Medicaid.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Maas.